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## Measuring Australia's Progress

### MEASURING AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS

The third edition of **Measures of Australia's Progress** (cat. no. 1370.0) was released in May. This publication draws together ABS and other data to paint a picture of national progress. It presents 14 headline dimensions that cover many of the areas of life most important to Australia and Australians. Indicators are presented for these dimensions, allowing readers to make their own judgement about whether life in Australia is getting better.

Indicators and commentary are presented for the fourteen headline dimensions of progress, including: Health; National income; Economic hardship; The natural landscape; and Family, Community and Social Cohesion. In addition, there is commentary on five supplementary dimensions of progress, such as Culture and leisure. Measures of Australia's Progress, 2006 also includes an article on life satisfaction and measures of progress and an article comparing Australia's progress with that in other OECD countries.

The release of Measures of Australia's Progress is accompanied by two additional products. **Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators, 2006** (cat. no. 1383.0.55.001) presents a summary for the 14 headline dimensions of Australia's progress in a way which can be quickly understood by all Australians. **Measures of Australia's Progress: At A Glance, 2006** (cat. no. 1383.0.55.002) provides a brief overview of the 14 headline dimensions in a colour brochure.

The OECD has embarked on a global project on 'Measuring the Progress of Societies: the OECD world forum on statistics, knowledge and policy'. Measures of Australia's Progress is one example of bringing together indicators on society, the environment and the economy, and contributes to this global project. The ABS will be taking into consideration developments of this world forum when reviewing Measures of Australia's Progress over the next twelve months.

For more information contact Kirsty Leslie (02) 6252 5259, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## Tracking Recent Social Trends: Australian Social Trends, 2006

### TRACKING RECENT SOCIAL TRENDS: AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS, 2006

Australian Social Trends, 2006 (cat. no. 4102.0) is due to be released on 20 July. This publication presents information on contemporary social issues and areas of public policy concern. By drawing on a wide range of ABS statistics, and statistics from other official sources, Australian Social Trends describes aspects of Australian society, and how these are changing over time.

The material presented is organised into nine chapters including population, family and community, health, education and training, work, economic resources and housing as well as another chapter covering other areas of concern such as crime and justice and the environment. The summary tables at the beginning of each chapter show at a glance changes that have taken place at a national level over a decade, and differences across states and territories for the most recent year. Australian Social Trends on the ABS web site will also contain state and territory data for a ten year period in spreadsheet format.

For further information contact the Director of Social Analysis and Reporting via, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

# **A New Social Capital Compendium**

## **A NEW SOCIAL CAPITAL COMPENDIUM**

Aspects of Social Capital, Australia, 2006 (cat. no. 4911.0) will be released on the ABS web site in July. This compendium publication explores the way people in Australia relate to family, friends and the wider community. It brings together information on social interactions and community support from the 2002 General Social Survey and many other ABS surveys.

Among the topics examined are: voluntary work, feelings of safety while home alone, social participation, attendance at culture/leisure venues, involvement in sport and physical recreation, and indicators of reciprocity (ability to ask for small favours and ability to obtain support from others in a time of crisis). Descriptive analysis involving demographic and socio-economic status variables are provided throughout the report to help describe population sub-group differences. Some of the data are also presented at state/territory and remoteness area levels.

One of the publication's objectives is to provide a set of data and references to sources that will complement the new information on social capital currently being collected in the 2006 General Social Survey (to be released early next year).

For further information contact Elisabeth Davis on (02) 6252 7880, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

# **An Update on the 2006 Population Census**

## **AN UPDATE ON THE 2006 POPULATION CENSUS**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will conduct the 15th national Census of Population and Housing on 8 August 2006. Census collectors will drop off a census form at every household in Australia in the two weeks prior to Census night and will return to pick up a completed Census form between 9 and 28 August 2006. Alternatively, people will have the option of completing their Census form electronically via the Internet.

After extensive consultation, new questions about unpaid work and need for assistance have been introduced for the 2006 Census.

The Unpaid Work questions cover unpaid domestic work, unpaid care for someone due to a disability, long-term illness or old age, unpaid child care, and voluntary work. These questions will assist in understanding the contribution of unpaid work to Australian society. They will help in the planning of local facilities and services, such as day care and occasional care, and in the provision of information and support to carers.

The Need for Assistance questions aim to measure the number of people who need help with everyday activities such as self care, getting out of bed or moving around the home, and communicating with others. Understanding the number of people requiring assistance or supervision in these areas will provide a picture of the level of assistance needed, and will assist in the planning of local facilities and services.

For more information about the Census, log onto <[www.abs.gov.au/census](http://www.abs.gov.au/census)>

If you think that you can use some of our posters and materials (including translated information) to promote the Census, please contact Andrew Bradley on (02) 9268 4308, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## **Reduced Rates for 2001 Population Census CD-ROM Products**

### **REDUCED RATES FOR 2001 POPULATION CENSUS CD-ROM PRODUCTS**

As part of ABS' recent innovation in making data more widely available, the ABS is now offering reduced rates on a range of 2001 Census CD-ROM products.

**CDATA 2001 Full GIS** – was \$10,600 now \$5580

**CDATA 2001 Quickbuild** – was \$6,300 now \$1,280

**SEIFA** – was \$2,500 now \$165

#### **Census Basics**

Australia – was \$6,000 now \$330

States/Territories – was \$4,800 now \$165

**Add-On Datapacks for CDATA 2001** – reduced price of \$165

A full range of online data, including electronic publications, Census community profiles down to the Collection District level, spreadsheets and datacubes may be downloaded free of charge at the ABS web site: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

For further information contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## **Out Now - The First National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey**

### **OUT NOW - THE FIRST NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH SURVEY**

The findings of the first NATSIHS were published in April. The survey collected information from over 10,000 Indigenous Australians about a range of health issues, including health status, long-term health conditions, risk factors, health-related actions, and women's health.

Key findings for New South Wales include:

43% of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over considered their health to be excellent or very good in 2004-05

Eye/sight problems were the most commonly reported long-term health conditions (34%), followed by asthma (17%)

Just under one-third (31%) of Indigenous persons reported having no long-term health

conditions.

**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2004–05** (cat. no. 4715.0) presents summary results at both the national and state/territory levels and by remoteness category. This publication also presents comparisons with selected results from the Indigenous supplements to the 1995 and 2001 National Health Surveys, and with data for non-Indigenous Australians from the 2004–05 National Health Survey. Summary information is also available in spreadsheet format (cat. nos. 4715.0.55.005–4715.8.55.005). **The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey: Users' Guide, 2004-05** (cat. no. 4715.0.55.004) was released in May. These publications are available free of charge from the ABS web site.

For further information contact Sharon Pech on (02) 6252 6301, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## How Are We Using Child Care?

### HOW ARE WE USING CHILD CARE?

The results of the 2005 Child Care, Australia Survey were released in May. The survey collected information about children aged 0-12 years, and their families, regarding their use of formal and informal child care, and requirements for additional child care during the four week period prior to the survey. Information was also collected on patterns of attendance, child care costs, the use of the Child Care Benefit, parental income and working arrangements used by parents to help care for their children.

Findings for New South Wales from the survey include:

- 517,500 (46%) children aged 0-12 years received some type of child care - formal and/or informal - in the reference week.
- Formal care was used by 20% (223,000) of children, and informal care by 35% (391,300) of children in the reference week.
- Long day care was the most commonly used formal child care, used by 10% (110,000) of children, followed by after school care programs, which were used by 7% (73,200) of children.
- Grandparents were the main informal carers.
- Work arrangements - such as flexible working hours and permanent part-time work - were used by 73% of employed mothers and 35% of employed fathers to care for their children.

The 2005 Child Care Survey is a continuation of a series of surveys on the topic of child care. The publication presents a range of time series data from these surveys. **Child Care, Australia, 2005** (cat. no. 4402.0) is available free of charge from the ABS web site.

For further information contact Heather Crawford on (02) 6252 5742, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## From Data to Decisions

### FROM DATA TO DECISIONS

Learn how to apply statistical techniques to data in order to make more effective, evidence-based decisions.

ABS NSW is offering a wide range of statistical training in 2006. Our courses show that the statistical process is more than just numbers. It involves selecting the right data sources, assessing data quality, analysing and interpreting data, communicating results, and making quality informed decisions.

Upcoming courses include:

- Introduction to Sampling, 19-20 July
- Understanding Labour Market Statistics, 2-3 August
- Understanding Demographic Data, 9 August
- Analysing Survey Data Made Simple, 30-31 August
- Basic Survey Design, 5-6 September
- Principles of Questionnaire Design, 21-22 September
- Turning Data into Information, 18-19 October
- Making Quality Informed Decisions, to be scheduled in 2006

For further information contact the training coordinator on (02) 9268 4183, or the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## **New Occupation and Industrial Classifications for Australia and New Zealand**

### **NEW OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

The **Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006** (cat 1292.0) was released in February 2006, and replaced ANZSIC 1993. A joint project between the ABS and Statistics New Zealand, the aim of the new classification is to create a more contemporary industrial classification system that identifies new and emerging industries.

**Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Implementation, 2006** (cat. no. 1295.0), released in November 2005, outlines the development of ANZSIC 2006 and the expected timing for its use in economic collections such as the Australian National Accounts (ANA). The ANA will begin to be released on an ANZSIC 2006 basis in late 2009.

The Australian New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) (cat. no. 1220.0) is expected to be released on July 2006. ANZSCO replaces the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition and the New Zealand Standard of Classification, 1999. The new publication will provide an integrated structure of occupations that is more up-to-date and relevant. Refer to **Information Paper: Australian New Zealand Classification of Occupations, 2005** (cat. no. 1221.0) for further information.

For further information contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

# Population, Policy and Australia's Destiny - APA Conference, 2006

## POPULATION, POLICY AND AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY - APA CONFERENCE, 2006

The Australian Population Association is holding its 13th biennial conference in Adelaide from 5-8 December 2006. The theme for the conference is "Population, Policy and Australia's Destiny".

The conference is the showcase for demographers, population geographers, policy makers and planners to discuss contemporary issues relating to population studies.

Highlights will include the W.D. Borrie Lecture - to be given by Professor Ian Pool, Professor of Demography, University of Waikato - and plenary speakers on population and policy, local and regional population change, and transnationalism.

The conference is sponsored by the ABS and the Government of South Australia, Department of Trade and Economic Development (major sponsors), and Australian government, Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (associate sponsor).

For further information see <[www.apa.org.au](http://www.apa.org.au)>.

## Selected Releases April to June 2006

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### SELECTED RELEASES APRIL TO JUNE 2006

ABS publications are available to download free from the ABS web site.

To enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

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1338.1	New South Wales in Focus, 2006
1370.0	Measures of Australia's Progress, 2006
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